

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education announces that the Early Care and Education Administration (ECEA) will conduct a public hearing for comment on the proposed **Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Block Grant Plan for October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011**. The CCDF Block Grant is a major source of funding to help parents pay for child care. It is the primary source of funding for quality initiatives that include professional development in early care and education. The hearing will take place as indicated below:

Saturday, May 16, 2009

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

901 G Street, NW

Room A5

Washington, DC 20005

Copies of the draft CCDF Plan can be viewed in all DC public libraries and at the ECEA, 717 14th Street, NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC, or on the OSSE website at: www.osse.dc.gov. The draft CCDF Plan will be made available starting May 4th.

Written comments on the draft CCDF Plan may be submitted at the hearing or throughout the comment period. The written comments must be received by 4:00 PM on **Monday, June 1, 2009** at the ECEA. Address comments on the draft Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant Plan to: Diane V. Paige, ECEA, 717 14th Street, NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005, by fax at: 202/724-7229 or via e-mail at: diane.paige@dc.gov.

Family members, service providers, advocates, program administrators, government workers, community groups, residents and other interested parties are encouraged to give testimony at this public hearing. To register to make a presentation at the public hearing or for questions, call: 202-727-1839, **no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2009**. Registered persons will be scheduled for a **3-minute period** to testify first. Persons not registered to testify will be allowed to testify as time permits. Persons who testify are encouraged to bring a copy of the written testimony for the record.

Amharic, Chinese, French, Spanish, Vietnamese and Sign Language interpreters will be available if the services are requested by **Monday, May 4, 2009**, to ensure availability. Request these services by contacting Diane Paige by phone at: 202-727-5025, by fax at: 202-724-7229 or via e-mail at: diane.paige@dc.gov.

Directions: The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library is at the Gallery Place Chinatown Metro Station, which serves the Red, Green, and Yellow Lines. Use 9th Street to reach the Library at 901 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.